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SUBJECT: US MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS ON TAIWAN - WITHDRAWAL
OF US F-4 SQUADRONS

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. GROC PLANNING TO ANNOUNCE JUNE 17 THAT THE TWO US
SQUADRONS OF F-4 AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY STATIONED ON TAIWAN
WILL BE WITHDRAWN. EMBASSIES TOKYO AND MANILA THERE-
FORE REQUESTED TO INFORM GOJ AND GOP AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL
OF THESE PLANS IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE, DRAWING ON THE
INFORMATION PROVIDED BELOW.

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2. TWO US F-4 SQUADRONS NOW ON TAIWAN WERE DEPLOYED THERE FROM OKINAWA AND CLARK FIELD IN NOVEMBER 1972 AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO FILL GAP IN ROC AIR DEFENSES CREATED WHEN ROC PROVIDED US WITH 48 F5A AIRCRAFT FOR LOAN TO SOUTH VIETNAM. OUR UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ROC AT THAT TIME WAS THAT FIRST F-4 SQUADRON WOULD REMAIN ON TAIWAN UNTIL 20 F5A'S WERE RETURNED AND SECOND F-4 SQUADRON WOULD REMAIN UNTIL WE SUPPLIED ROC WITH 28 F5E'S.

3. WE ARE NOW PREPARED TO RETURN 20 F5A'S TO THE ROC, AND WILL WITHDRAW ONE SQUADRON OF F-4'S BY THE END OF JULY. WE WILL PROVIDE THE ROC WITH 28 F5E'S BY THE

END OF MAY 1975, AT WHICH TIME THE SECOND F-4 SQUADRON WILL BE WITHDRAWN. (THE TWO F-4 SQUADRONS ARE MANNED ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND OKINAWA.) WITH THESE TWO REDEPLOYMENTS, US TROOP STRENGTH ON TAIWAN WILL BE REDUCED FROM CURRENT LEVEL OF ABOUT 5,000 TO APPROXIMATELY 3,000 MEN. ALTHOUGH OUR FORCE LEVELS ON TAIWAN UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW, WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR ANY OTHER MAJOR REDUCTIONS DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.

4. UPON DEPARTURE FROM TAIWAN THE TWO US F-4 SQUADRONS WILL RETURN TO THEIR PARENT UNITS: THE FIRST SQUADRON TO CLARK AFB IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND THE SECOND TO KADENA.

5. FOR EMBASSY SEOUL: YOU MAY DRAW ON ABOVE TO INFORM ROKG AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, IF YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

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